

I know the people of Rockland County are afraid.

- Afraid of corruption.
- Afraid of rampant illegal housing practices.
- Afraid of skyrocketing, unaffordable taxes.
- Afraid of property value loss.
- Afraid of our neighborhoods failing.
- Afraid to speak out, for fear of reprisal.
- When I am your district attorney, you will NOT have to be afraid because I am NOT afraid.

I am NOT afraid to discuss and tackle your fears because I am NOT a politician. I have no allegiance to any group nor concern as to how I might be labeled. The pursuit of justice drives courage. When I became an attorney, I took an oath to uphold the constitution of the State of New York -- I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of District Attorney.

I will NOT look the other way.

My first order of business will be to appoint a Senior Assistant Attorney to oversee all cases pertaining to illegal housing practices. I will use both administrative and criminal warrants when necessary. I will expand the charging practice beyond local code and charge penal law offenses including Reckless Endangerment when appropriate.

I will institute a new policy, "Enforce not Overlook," whereby those who betray the public trust, abuse power, engage in corruption, will be held accountable. New guidelines for prosecution will be drafted and mandated to be followed by the local courts when prosecution falls under their purview. Failure to do so, will result in consequences.

Historically, the DA has delegated the role of prosecuting these cases to the town attorneys. My office will continue to do so unless the new guidelines are not adhered to. In which case, the office of DA will prosecute cases, directly.

I will create a citizen's task force serving as a pipeline for community concerns, recommendations, and the safe transmission of reporting illegal activity. This will build public accountability, transparency and trust.

I will work with legislators to increase penalties for anyone involved at any level, in illegally converting a manufacturing or industrial zoned space for residential use.

I will work with town inspectors in ascertaining administrative warrants. These warrants are currently only being requested in Clarkstown. I will also work with town attorneys and building inspectors to build stronger cases for prosecution.

I will hold landlords criminally responsible for forcing people to live in life-threatening conditions.

I'm putting the slumlords of Rockland County on notice. My Office will not tolerate intimidation and cost cutting measures that endanger lives and I won't hesitate to bring charges.

My Office will stand firm for victims living in unsafe conditions. I won't wait until someone is killed and will act immediately to tackle this problem across the county.